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Interim Report No. 3

In our first interim report (11/20/79) we described the data we obtained on the absorption, excretion and distribution of ¹⁴C following single oral doses of WR-158,122-¹⁴C in control, bile duct ligated (BiDuLi) and bile duct cannulated (BiDuCa) rats. The second report (1/18/80) summarized data on blood levels and excretion of ¹⁴C derived from WR-158,122 in a BiDuCa monkey following single oral doses. In this report we are presenting our initial findings in developing extraction procedures for separating and isolating WR-158,122 and its metabolites from urine and bile using the samples obtained in the course of our previous studies.

The general approach consists of extracting biological samples with a series of solvents with varying solubility parameters (see appendix). Because some of the desirable solvents are miscible with water, a salting out procedure was used to provide, whenever possible, separate solvent and aqueous phases.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

These initial studies were carried out on urine and bile from control (untreated) rats and monkeys and treatment urine and/or bile from BiDuLi and BiDuCa rats and a BiDuCa monkey.

The ¹⁴C standard used to spike control monkey and rat urine and monkey bile was prepared as follows. One ml of the treatment solution used in Interim Report No. 2 was diluted to 10 ml with DMSO. One ml of this standard was diluted to 25 ml with control urine or bile giving spiked samples which contained about 17,000 dpm of WR-158,122 - ¹⁴C per ml.

The general protocol used in these initial extraction studies is described, for convenience, at the bottom of the first table and was the same in all the experiments. We have concentrated our attention on organic solvents that

form two phases after the addition of KBr, a neutral salf, to the urine or bile. The procedure appears to work well and so far has not been plaqued by formation of emulsions.

RESULTS

In Table 1 one observes that all or almost all the ¹⁴C in the urine was present in the solvent phase in those solvents (n-propanol, dimethylformamide, pyridine and methanol) which formed only one phase (and salt).

However, solubility of parent drug and/or ¹⁴C-containing metabolites in the solvents forming 2 phases was quite variable. EDC-2-ethyl hexanol (8:2) (EDC-2EH), a solvent mixture more polar than EDC (alone) appeared to remove only about 8.3% of the total urinary ¹⁴C. This fraction probably consists of parent drug and possibly a relatively nonpolar metabolite(s). More polar solvents such as ethyl acetate, acetonitrile (ACN) or tetrahydrofuran (THF) extracted increasing quantities of urinary metabolites.

The results in Table 2 show that one can quantitatively extract the parent compound from spiked control monkey urine with 3 of the two phase solvents and with a representative single phase solvent, n-propanol. Therefore, we would conclude that all of the parent drug in monkey treatment urine was extracted by all of the organic solvents shown in Table 1. In addition, there were increasing amounts of metabolites extracted by ACN and THF; the quantity extracted depending on the polarity of the solvent used. We assumed that all single phase solvents would function alike; therefore, after the first experiment we used only one single phase solvent, n-propanol. From its solubility parameter it should be the least polar of the single-phase solvents.

Application of the same extraction scheme to a monkey treatment bile

sample provided the results shown in Table 3. If all the parent drug is extracted by EDC-2EH, as one would assume (see Table 4), then one must conclude that the amount of parent compound in this animal's bile at 72 hr is no more than about 3% of the total ¹⁴C. Also the ¹⁴C-containing metabolites in this sample must be quite polar since even THF extracted only about 27% of the total ¹⁴C in the bile.

The data in Table 4 indicate that WR-158,122-14C is quantitatively extracted from spiked control monkey bile. These results are essentially parallel to those in Table 2.

When the extraction procedure was applied to a 12 hr bile sample from a BiDuCa rat dosed with WR-158,122-¹⁴C we obtained the results shown in Table 5. The EDC-2EH soluble fraction was 3.9%, ACN and THF extracted 14 and 17% respectively and as would be expected almost all of the ¹⁴C was soluble in N-propanol.

When urine from a representative BiDuLi rat was extracted in the same fashion (Table 6) one notes that more ¹⁴C was extracted by these solvents from the urine than from the bile, suggesting either that lesser amounts of extractable metabolites are present in bile or that something in bile interferes with the transfer of ¹⁴C-containing metabolites to the organic phases. This will be taken up in the discussion.

Urine from a rat with BiDuCa and treated with an oral dose of WR-158,122
14 C gave an extraction profile (see Table 7) which was similar to that in

Table 6 except for one point. EDC-2EH extracted more 14 C after BiDuCa and

this is opposite from what we would have expected. However, since there was

less 14 C excreted in the urine in BiDuCa rats perhaps a higher percentage may be

"parent-like" compounds (extractable with EDC-2EH).

Finally, control rat urine spiked with WR-158,122-¹⁴C gave the same results as were obtained with control monkey urine and bile indicating that WR-158,122 was completely extractable from urine or bile by any of the solvents we used.

DISCUSSION

These data suggest strongly that one can develop an extraction procedure for characterizing the metabolites of WR-158,122 in either bile or urine samples from both rats and rhesus monkeys. The solvents can be applied sequentially and thus would permit us, hopefully, to evolve a scheme for isolating individual metabolite fractions. These fractions can be further defined using TLC or HPLC and such experiments are now being planned.

The low recovery of ¹⁴C activity from bile may be the result of absolute differences in amounts of WR-158,122 and metabolites present or may reflect an undefined inhibiting effect of bile constituents on extraction. This ambiguity will be resolved in our mext interim report.

Several other preliminary extraction studies are also underway in which we will saturate urine or bile with an acidic salt such as $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ or basic salts such as K acetate (pH 9.7) or K_2CO_3 (pH 11.7). It will be interesting to compare these results with those obtained with KBr. We also need to explore more non-polar solvents so that we can improve, if possible, the specificity of the initial extraction for parent drug.

SUMMARY

- l. Urine and bile samples from control (untreated) rats and rhesus monkeys as well as from bile duct ligated (BiDuLi) rats and bile duct cannulated (BiDuCa) rats and monkeys treated with WR-158,122-14C have been extracted with a series of organic solvents in an attempt to define the profile of biliary and urinary metabolites.
- 2. Extraction of a urine sample from a BiDuCa monkey demonstrated that when the urine was saturated with KBr very polar solvents such as n-propanol (NPRO), pyridine, dimethylformamide or methanol formed one phase (with some salt) and the solvent phase contained all or nearly all of the ¹⁴C activity. Solvents forming 2 phases such as ethylene dichloride: 2-ethylhexanol (8:2, EDC-2EH), ethyl acetate, acetonitrile (ACN) or tetrahydrofuran (THF) extracted increasing amounts of ¹⁴C-containing metabolites ranging from 8.3% to 66.2%.
- 3. NPRO, EDC-2EH, ACN and THF extracted all or nearly all of the $^{14}{
 m C}$ activity from control simian urine and bile and from control rat urine.
- 4. EDC-2EH, ACN and THF extracted increasing amounts of 14 C from a 72 hr monkey treatment bile but even THF extracted only 27% of the total 14 C content. The total parent drug in this sample was 3% or less.
- 5. The ¹⁴C activity in a 12 hr treatment bile sample from a BiDuCa rat gave an extraction profile not much different from that obtained with simian treatment bile; less than 4% of the activity comprised parent drug.
- 6. When one compares 24 hr urine samples from BiDuCa and BiDuLi rats one finds that the only significant difference in the profiles is in the amount of ^{1.4}C activity extracted by EDC-2EH which was about 14% for the BiDuLi rat and 23% for the BiDuCa animal.

7. These data provide almost indisputable evidence that WR-158,122 is absorbed and metabolized in the albino rat and rhesus monkey and the proportion of extractable ¹⁴C activity is greater in the urine than in the bile. This is especially true for the monkey.

Table 1

Extraction of WR-158,122 14°C Treatment Urine* From A Bile Duct Cannulated Rhesus Monkey

Single Oral Dose 5 mg/kg

Solvent	Solvent Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.2	2	8.3
Ethyl acetate	5.1	2	24.2
Acetonitrile	5.0	2	45,6
Tetrahydrofuran	4.9	2	66.2
N-propanol	5.9	1	93.7
Dimethylformamide	5.9	1	94.2
Pyridine	5.8	1	95.4
Methanol	6.0	1	96.5

^{*48} hr treatment urine containing 12,400 dpm/ml

Protocol:

- 1. Dissolve 0.5g KBr in each 1 ml aliquot in a graduated screw cap centrifuge tube.
- 2. Add 5 ml solvent.
- 3. Shake for 20 min and centrifuge.
- 4. Remove organic phase after recording color and volume of each phase and salt, if any.

Table 2

Extraction of Control Monkey Urine
Spiked with WR-158,122 14C

Solvent					
Solvent	Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)		
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.1	2	98.9		
Acetonitrile	5.4	2	99.8		
Tetrahydrofuran	5.2	2	104.1		
N-propanol	5.9	1	97.6		

Table 3

Extraction of WR-158,122 Treatment Bile*
from a Bile Duct Cannulated Monkey
Single Oral Dose 5 mg/kg

Solvent					
Solvent	Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)		
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.1	2	3.0		
Acetonitrile	5.1	2	18.6		
Tetrahydrofuran	5.2	2	26.8		
N-propanol	5.7	1	103.8		

^{*72} hr treatment bile containing 15,500 dpm/ml

Protocol same as Table 1.

Table 4

Extraction of Control Monkey Bile
Spiked with WR-158,122 14C

Solvent	Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.1	2	95.7
Acetonitrile	5.1	2	92.4
Tetrahydrofuran	5.1	2	95,2
N-propanol	6.1	1	97.3

Table 5

Extraction of WR-158,122 Treatment Bile*

from a Bile Duct Cannulated Rat

Single Oral Dose 10 mg/kg

Solvent	Solvent Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.05	2	3.9
Acetonitrile	5.2	2	14.4
Tetrahydrofuran	5.1	2	16.9
N-propanol	5.7	1	87.1

^{*12} hr treatment bile containing 62,000 dpm/ml.

Protocol same as Table 1.

Table 6

Extraction of WR-158,122

C Treatment Urine* From A Bile Duct Ligated Rat

Single Oral Dose 10 mg/kg

Solvent					
Solvent	Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)		
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.3	2	13.7		
Acetonitrile	5.2	2	30.9		
Tetrahydrofuran	5.3	2	38.1		
N-propanol	6.0	1	87.1		

^{*24} hr treatment urine containing 27,100 dpm/ml.

Table 7

Extraction of WR-158,122 Treatment Urine*

from a Bile Duct Cannulated Rat

Single Oral Dose 10 mg/kg

Solvent	Solvent Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol(8:2)	5.0	2	23.3
Acetonitrile	5.2	2	30.2
Tetrahydrofuran	5.0	2	38.9
N-propanol	5.7	1	88.4

^{*24} hr treatment urine containing 13,200 dpm/ml.

Protocol same as Table 1.

Table 8

Extraction of Control Rat Urine
Spiked with WR-158,122 14C

	Solvent			
Solvent	Volume (ml)	No. of phases	Organic Phase Recovery(%)	
EDC-2-Ethylhexanol	5.2	2	99.7	
Acetonitrile	5.3	2	95.3	
Tetrahydrofuran	5.2	2	103.0	
N-propanol	5.9	1	98.4	

APPENDIX

Common Solvents Listed According to Increasing Solubility Parameter (1)

Solvent	Sol. Par. (2,3)	H ₂ Bond- ing (2)	Boil. Point	s.c.	Sol. of H ₂ O in Solv.	Mol. Weight	Dielec- tric Const. (4)	Dipole Debye µ (4)
n-pentane	7.0	low	36.1	0.62	0.01	72.15	1.844	0.00
n-hexane	7.3	low	68.7	0.66	0.01	86.17	1.890	0.08
diethyl ether	7.4	0.19	34.5	0.71	1.5	74.12	4.335	1.15
n-heptane	7.4	low	98.4	0.68	0.015	100.2	1.924	0
cyclohexane	8.2	low	80.7	0.78	0.01	84.16	2.023	0
methyl, n-hexyl ketone	8.4	med.	173.5	0.82	insol.	128.21	-	-
carbon tetra- chloride	8.6	low	76.8	1.58	0.01	153.84	2.238	0.00
diethyl ketone	8.8	med.	101.7	0.81	00	86.13	17.00	2.70
toluene	8.9	low	110.6	0.86	0.06	92.13	2.379	0.39
ethyl acetate	9.1	0.12	77.0	0.90	3 .3	88.10	6.02	1.81
benzene	9.2	low	80.1	0.87	0.05	78.11	2.284	0
chloroform	9.3	low	61.1	1.48	0.07	119.39	4.806	1.15
methyl ethyl ketone	9.3	med.	79.5	0.80	87.4	72.10	18.51	2.747
chlorobenzene	9.5	0.02	131.7	1.10	0.05	112.56	5.621	1.56
ethylene di- chloride	9.8	low	83.5	1.25	0.15	98.97	10.36	2.06
p-dioxane	9.9	0.14	101.3	1.02	©	88.10	2.209	0.45
acetone	10.0	0.14	56.2	0.79	တ	58.09	20.70	2.72
isoamyl alcohol	10.0	high	132.0	0.80	2.67	88.15	14.7	1.82
tertbutyl alcohol	10.6	high	82.4	0.78	œ	74.12	10.9	1.66
pyridine	10.7	0.27	115.3	0.98	œ	79.1	12.5	2.20
sec. butyl al- cohol	10.8	high	99.5	0.80	ca 12	74.12	15.8	•

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Solvent	Sol. Par. (2,3)	H ₂ Bond- ing (2)	Boil. Point	s.G.	Sol. of H ₂ O in Solv.	Mol. Weight	Dielec- tric Const. (4)	Dipole Debye µ (4)
n-amyl alcohol	10.9	high	138.1	0.81	2.19	88.15	13.9	1.8
nitroethane	11.1	low	114	1.04	0.9	75.07	28.06	3.19
n-butyl alco- hol	11.4	high	117.7	0.81	20.5	74.12	17.1	1.68
isopropyl al- cohol	11.5	high	82.4	0.78	20	60.09	18.3	1.68 (v)
acetonitrile	11.9	0.09	81.6	0.78	00	41.05	37.5	3.37
n-propyl alco- hol	11.9	high	97.2	0.80	∞	60.09	20.1	1.657
benzyl alcohol	12.1	high	205.5	1.04	ca 4	108.13	13.1	1.66
furfuryl alco- hol	12.5	high	170	1.13	co (unstable)	98.1	-	1.92
ethyl alcohol	12.7	high	78.3	0.79	6	46.09	24.30	1.68 (v)
methyl alcohol	14.5	0.28	64.5	0.79	œ	32.04	32.68	1.664
formamide	> 16.1	high	210.5	1.13	œ	45.04	109.5	3.37
glycerol	16.5	high	290	1.26	∞	92.09	42.5	2.56
water	23.4	high	100	1.0	-	18.02		

^{1.} Solubility parameter $S = (\Delta E/v)1/2$ where ΔE is the energy of vaporization to a gas at zero pressure and v is the molal volume of the liquid (v = mol. wt./ density).

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